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We look forward to closing out the summer on a positive note in the University Area Command. If you have not noticed University Area Command Proactive Response Team members are all now bike certified. We now have six (6) bike certified officers who have been riding throughout the Nob Hill Central corridor.

Officers throughout the city banded together to combat crime and misuse of public busses and bus stops. The mission resulted in multiple felony arrests for narcotics and other related crimes. Officers in the University Area Command will continue to work hard to prevent those who wish to misuse public busses and bus stops from doing so.

One note APD worked closely with UNM Police Department to capture two individuals near UNM Main Campus. Two males were walking in the area when they confronted another person on Central Ave and threatened the male with a firearm. The victim fled the two males and called 911, UNM Police officers were in the area and responded and captured the two offenders. Both males were arrested for Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon and Conspiracy. This is an example of the great work UNM Police and APD are providing to those who live and work in the University Area Command.

On August 6, 2023 the City of Albuquerque will be participating in National Night Out. I encourage all of you to attend one of the gatherings near you in the city. Laura Kuehn with the Albuquerque Police Department's Crime Prevention division has details and can be reached at Lkuehn@cabq.gov.

Thank you as always for the opportunity to serve you all, Ray



~ Commander Ray Del Greco



Message from Chief Harold Medina

I hope everyone is enjoying the end of the summer. We are gearing up for National Night Out 2024 which helps promote police and community partnerships while showcasing neighborhood comradery.

I encourage you to attend one of the nearly 100 gatherings scheduled throughout the city and enjoy an evening with your community. The full list of locations can be found at <https://www.cabq.gov/national-night-out>.

As for crime fighting we've had several successful operations throughout the city from bus stops, to warrant roundups and bait cars.



POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS



Our Proactive Response Officers have been doing a great job tackling ongoing issues in different areas of the city, locating repeat offenders and are putting together operational plans to address crimes trends they are seeing in specific locations.

As a department, we are also putting a strong focus on crime prevention events throughout the community. We've now held two Crime Prevention Pop-Up events in the SE and SW where we hand out wheel locks, complete VIN etching on vehicles and provide helpful crime prevention tips. There will be two more events before the end of summer so stay tuned for more info!

We also held a bike path safety event this month to address concerns on city bike paths were residents could speak directly with officers about issues they have, and how to address them.

Coming up on August 17th from 6-8:00P.M. we hope you'll come out for a fun night at the Zoo to celebrate the State of the City. This is a great time to celebrate the many successes and future plans for our community. I hope to see you there!

A big thanks to all those who provide us support on a regular basis, we so appreciate it.



-Chief Harold Medina

Stay safe Albuquerque!



Can You Answer the Call?

Laura Kuehn, NCPS, ICPS
Senior Crime Prevention Specialist

They are the voice on the phone on the worst day of your life, when you need help the most, they are the first, first responders. 911 Operators and Dispatchers answer the call every day. Operators gather crucial information and prioritize calls while keeping those in need calm and safe. Dispatchers manage calls, delegate officers and additional resources.

If you've always imagined a career that is rewarding, challenging and truly makes a difference – we ask, can you answer the call? The emergency communications team are professionals who make a difference every single day.

But what do they think?

“I'd like people to know that I remember them. That I meet them on their worst days. I meet them in panic and I hear their pain. Long after they forget the sound of my voice, I remember them.”

-Kristine B., Dispatcher

“The best part of my job is knowing we are making a difference. Many outcomes on 911 calls are dependent on questions we ask and how well we communicate.”

-Cleova S., Shift Supervisor

“The best part about my job is knowing that you actually did help someone, whether it was saving their life, keeping them safe, or merely giving them the information they needed.”

-Tara J., 911 Operator

“When I first started this job, I didn't know I was going to make this a career. But here I am 8 years later still loving what I do. It's an amazing feeling being able to be a part of saving someone's life.”

-Angelica C., Dispatcher

Each April we celebrate our communications staff during National Public Safety Telecommunications week, <https://www.npstw.org/>. And, if you've ever had to place that call, I'm sure you were grateful for the calm voice on the phone answering the call, collecting the critical information and dispatching the needed resources.

As the saying goes, “not all heroes wear capes.” We invite you to learn more at:

<https://www.cabq.gov/police/can-you-answer-the-call>

Celebrate these women and men every day, knowing that they are there to serve as the first, first responders.

Crime Reporting Services Available to the public:

File a Police Report Online

Are you the victim of a crime in Albuquerque? You might be able to report this crime to the Albuquerque Police Department online.

Report a Crime

We currently accept online reports for the following categories:

- [Fraud](#)
- [Residential Burglary](#)
- [Auto Burglary](#)
- [Auto Vandalism](#)
- [Lost Property](#)
- [Telephone Harassment](#)
- [Theft or Larceny](#)
- [Vandalism](#)

Telephone Reporting Unit

The Telephone Reporting Unit is responsible for reports where the suspect's identity is unknown as well as all minor crime reports that do not require any field investigation by patrol officers in the field.

The Telephone Reporting Unit (TRU) is staffed by civilian employees. Crimes with no suspect information or evidence (fingerprints, video, witnesses etc.) can be documented by the Telephone Reporting Unit.

Contact the Telephone Reporting Unit by calling **505-242-2677** or **505-242-COPS**.

The following are examples of reports that can be taken over the telephone:

- Auto Burglary
- Commercial Burglary (delayed with no offender present)
- Residential Burglary (delayed with no offender present)
- Auto Theft (during TRU business hours)
- Larceny
- Lost Items (i.e. cell phones, purse)
- Vandalism/Graffiti
- Runaways/Missing Person (during TRU business hours)
- Harassment/Threats
- Embezzlement
- Fraud/Forgery
- Identity Theft
- Arson (if damage is below \$1,000.00)
- Vandalism
- Lost Items

If a Telephone Reporting Unit employee is unavailable [file an online report](#).

Area Commands

The Albuquerque Police Department divides the city into seven geographical areas called area commands.

Each area command is managed by a commander and staffed with between 82 and 119 officers, depending on size of the area command and level of calls for service.

All officers are dispatched through the Police Communications operators by calling [505-242-COPS for non-emergency calls](tel:505-242-COPS) or [911 in an emergency](tel:911).

Police Substations

Police department employees are assigned to the substation to answer telephones and provide general information to walk-in visitors.

The following services are available at all substations from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday:

- [File a report](#)
- [Request a copy of a report](#)
- [Report abandoned or disabled vehicles](#)
- [Comment on our service](#)
- [Contact us with any of your non-emergency needs](#)

In addition, depending on the type of report you need, you may also be able to make the report over the telephone by calling **505-242-COPS**.

Area Commands in the Albuquerque Metro Area:

Foothills Area Command

Northeast Area Command

Northwest Area Command

Southeast Area Command

University Area Command

Southwest Area Command

Valley Area Command

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Ways to Contact



DIAL 311 TO SPEAK TO AN AGENT MONDAY TO SATURDAY, 6 A.M. TO 9 P.M., AND SUNDAY, 9 A.M. TO 6 P.M.



A SCREENSHOT OF THE ABQ311 WEB APP ISSUE SUBMISSION FORM. REPORT ISSUES AND REQUEST SERVICE ANYTIME FROM THIS WEBSITE.



REPORT ISSUES AND REQUEST SERVICES ANYTIME USING THE ABQ311 APP.



USE THE ABQ311 ALEXA SKILL TO GET INFO, REPORT ISSUES, AND REQUEST SERVICE.

What can 311 do for you

Report

- Pavement Markings
- Traffic Signs
- Traffic Signals
- Abandoned Vehicles
- Broken Street Lights
- Graffiti
- Lost Animals
- Animal Noise
- Missed Trash Pickup
- Restaurant Concern
- Needles

Request

- Zoo, Aquarium, and Botanic Garden
- Ticket information
- Pay a Bill
- Large Item Garbage Pickup
- New Residential Trash or Recycle Bins
- Bus Routes & Schedules
- City Employment Opportunities
- Bicycling Maps & Information
- Adopt a Pet
- Swimming Pools Information
- Get Involved with the City



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RAPID HIRING EVENT

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\$19.75/ HR

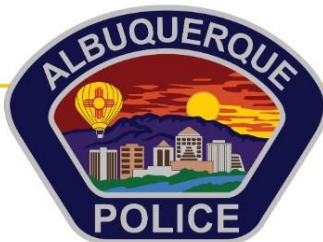
Are you interested in becoming a PSA or Cadet with the Albuquerque Police Department? If so, join us for our Rapid Hire Event! We will be offering immediate temporary hire within a week of the rapid hiring event to qualified individuals interested in becoming a cadet or police service aide.

This program provides applicants with a temporary job while going through the background check process. Applicants will participate in a fitness regimen designed to help them successfully complete the physical cadet entry assessment during your regular work hours.

Join APD recruiters at the Rapid Hiring Event to learn more!

**AUGUST
17 & 18**
8 AM - 3PM
5412 2nd St NW
Albuquerque, NM
87107

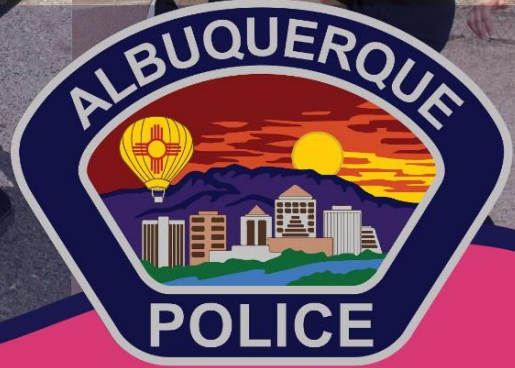
Register for event:
www.cabq.gov/LEAP
or call 505-343-5040



SCAN HERE



WOMEN IN BLUE



Come join the women in blue of the Albuquerque Police Department for an event providing guidance and education for those curious about a career in law enforcement.

Participants will have the opportunity to engage in conversations with female officers, join them on a group run and physical fitness activities. Officers want to share with you their journeys into law enforcement and how rewarding this career can be.

**SATURDAY
SEPT 7**

**APD Academy
2nd St NW,
Albuquerque, NM
87107**

- Lunch Provided
- Childcare Provided

REGISTER HERE



www.cabq.gov/womeninblue



**A Transformative Effort
To Reduce Gun Violence**

SAFE SURRENDER GUN BUYBACK 2024

**100% Anonymous, Exchange Guns for CASH
Free Tickets to the Isotopes
Free Tickets for the Lobos Football Game that Afternoon!**

**Saturday
August 24th, 2024
9:00 am to 12:00 pm**

**APD University Substation
1009 Bradbury Dr. SE, Albuquerque, NM 87106**



Here is a map marking the route for those attending the University Area Command Safe Surrender Gun Buyback. If anyone has any questions about directions please feel free to call the University Area Command at 505-768-4994.



University Calendar of Events

August, 2024

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1	2	3	4
5	6 National Night Out!	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 APD Rapid Hire Event 8am-3pm	18 APD Rapid Hire Event 8am-3pm
19	20	21 Nob Hill & University area Public Safety ECHO (Youth Gun Violence)	22	23	24 University Area Command Safe Surrender Gun Buyback	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

University Area Command National Night Out Times and Locations:

<u>Location:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
<u>Hiland Theater:</u> 4800 Central Ave. SE	5:30pm / 7:30pm
<u>Spruce Park:</u> 1300 Spruce NE, Spruce/ Roma	6:00pm / 7:30pm
<u>Kirtland Park:</u> 3001 University Blvd SE	6:00pm / 8:00pm
<u>McDuffie "Hidden" Park:</u> 3708 Mackland NE	6:00pm / 8:00pm
<u>Zia Park:</u> 440 Jefferson NE	6:00pm / 8:00pm
408 Tulane SE	5:30pm / 7:30pm
3025 Marble Ave. NE	6:00pm / 8:00pm
1733 Miracerros Pl. NE	6:00pm / 8:00pm